

THE EMMA LAZARUS PROJECT



If you could write a poem for
the Statue of Liberty today,
what would you say?

Just as Emma responded to the issues by writing a poem that addressed American identity, The American Jewish Historical Society invites students to write their own poem that speaks to their vision of America.

Students poems should explore both the stories “The New Colossus” invites, and those to which it may have blinded us too as well. Students poems should, together with the Statue of Liberty, should send a message to the world about America.

Submission Guidelines:

- For this contest, we are accepting poems from emerging poets of all ages. Submissions will be divided into three groups:
 - Middle School
 - High School
 - Collegiate / Adult Emerging Poet
- Submissions are open nationally, to any poet writing in English—other languages are okay to include, as long as the meat of the poem is in English.
- We are accepting only unpublished work for this contest.
- There is no word requirements, but we suggest your poem is between 14 and 20 lines long.
- We do not accept multiple submissions, only one poem may be submitted by each student.
- Any submission deemed to include language that is hateful, harmful, or violent will not be reviewed.

The winning poets will be awarded a trip to New York City for the award ceremony, and all finalist will be published on the Emma Lazarus Project website.



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